



STANDING STRONG

BEING YOUR BEST WHEN LIFE IS AT ITS WORST

(A STUDY OF 1 AND 2 PETER)

#8: STANDING STRONG THROUGH IT ALL—1 PETER 5:1-14

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Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade—kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials.

1 Peter 1:3-6 (NIV)

WAYS TO STAND STRONG THROUGH IT ALL – 1 PETER 5:1-14

1. Follow Godly leaders to follow (v.1-4)

Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.

1 Corinthians 11:1 (NIV)

People do not follow programs, but leaders who inspire them. They act when a vision stirs in them a reckless hope of something greater than themselves, hope of fulfillment they had never before dared to aspire to.

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Leaders are meant to help others become the people God created them to be.

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2. Humbly respect the wisdom of age and experience (v.5-6)

Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall.

Proverbs 16:18 (NIV)

MY FATHER*

When I was:

4 years old: My daddy can do anything.

5 years old: My daddy knows a whole lot.

6 years old: My dad is smarter than your dad.

8 years old: My dad doesn't know exactly everything.

10 years old: In the olden days when my dad grew up, things were sure different.

12 years old: Oh, well, naturally, Dad doesn't know anything about that. He is too old to remember his childhood.

14 years old: Don't pay any attention to my dad. He is so old-fashioned!

21 years old: Him? He's hopelessly out-of-date.

25 years old: Dad knows a little bit about it, but then he should because he has been around so long.

30 years old: Maybe we should ask Dad what he thinks. After all, he's had a lot of experience.

35 years old: I'm not doing a single thing until I talk to Dad.

40 years old: I wonder how Dad would have handled it. He was so wise and had a world of experience.

50 years old: I'd give anything if Dad were here now so I could talk this over with him. Too bad I didn't appreciate how smart he was. I could have learned a lot from him.

3. Give all my worries to God (v.7)

Cast your burden upon the LORD and He will sustain you; He will never allow the righteous to be shaken.

Psalm 55:22 (NASB)

4. Prepare for spiritual attacks from the enemy (v.8-9a)

The devil...[is] a liar and the father of lies.

John 8:44 (GWT)

So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

James 4:7 (NLT)

5. Remember that I am not alone (v.9b)

6. Keep my ultimate destiny in mind (v.10-14)

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